

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 508

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kristen Niccole Churchwell, 2009 Valedictorian of Camden Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Niccole Churchwell is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Camden Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Churchwell has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Kristen has earned an exemplary 4.66 grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership through her involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ms. Churchwell has given of her time and many talents as a member of the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science Presentation and Publication, the Student Council, the United Way Allocations Committee, the Beta Club, and Health Occupations Students of America; and

WHEREAS, she has also stood as President of the Drug Alliance, a Class Reporter, President of the Cross Club, President of the Spanish Club, Group President of the Harding University Leadership Conference, Advanced American History President, a DARE Role Model, and Vice President of the Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades for her many achievements, Kristen was named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the National Honor Roll,

selected as a group leader for the Broyhill Leadership Conference, published in *Celebration of Young Poets* and *Celebration of What's Important to Me*, and was the honored recipient of the J.W. Harris Leadership Award, the Governor's Star Volunteer of the Year Award, and Top Ten Awards in the Brownsville and University of Tennessee at Martin Math Competitions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Churchwell is a faithful and active member of the House of the Lord Church in Camden, where she has served as a Victors 4 Christ Youth Leader and a Song Leader; and

WHEREAS, Kristen's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Churchwell's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Dawn Churchwell and Don Churchwell, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kristen's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Camden Central High School Valedictorian, Kristen Niccole Churchwell, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.